

REMARKS/ ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-51, 53-55 were pending prior to the present Amendment.

In the June 25, 2007 Office Action, claims 1-4, 45-46, 53-55 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by US 4,765,515 to Lippman. Further, claims 47-51 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over Lippman in view of US Patent No. 6,750,210 to Biggadike. Claims 5-44 were deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form, incorporating all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant would like to thank the examiner for the thoughtful and thorough consideration of the application and the prior art to date.

In this submission, claims 2, 5-29 and 53-55 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 4, 30 to 36 and 38 to 44 have been amended for the reasons indicated below. New claim 59 is presented. In light of this, claims 1, 3-4, 30-51 and 59 are now presented for further consideration.

Amended claim 1, the sole pending independent claim in this application, incorporates features of prior claims 2 and previously allowable prior claims 28 and 29. Amendments consequential to the amendment of claim 1 have been made to claims 4, 30 to 36 and 38 to 44.

It is believed that these claims are both novel and non-obvious over Lippman or Lippman in view of Biggadike. In particular, Claims 5-44 were deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form, incorporating all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As claim 1 has been amended to incorporate features previously found in the allowable claims 28 and 29, it is believed that claim 1 should be likewise found allowable. Similarly, as all claims other than are dependant on what is asserted to be an allowable claim, they themselves should be deemed allowable.

Based upon the amendments made herein, each of the grounds considered by the Examiner to preclude allowance of this application has been addressed. It is believed that the application is allowable and therefore, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge any fees or credit any overpayment, particularly including any fees required under 37 CFR Sect 1.16 or 1.17, and any necessary extension of time fees, to deposit Account No. 07-1392.

Respectfully submitted:

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